

# **GBFM/GRFM Second Announcement and Call for Presentations**

On behalf of the Alaska SAR Facility it is my pleasure to invite you to the Fifth Science Meeting of the JERS-1 Global Boreal Forest Mapping (GBFM), Global Rain Forest Mapping (GRFM), and the Interferometric SAR (InSAR) projects. The meeting will take place at the International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, March 5-9, 2001.

The meeting will focus on the scientific results achieved in studies using JERS-1 SAR data for thematic applications related to the boreal and tropical forests. We foresee oral and poster presentations, hands-on interactive sessions, video demonstrations, and discussions of technical issues and future research directions. This is an opportunity for presentations by all investigators who have used JERS-1 data in their research and for presentations of multidisciplinary projects incorporating GBFM/GRFM/InSAR imagery.

Registration information and a preliminary agenda are included below.

If you wish to give a presentation at this meeting please provide us with the following information by February 15, so that we may plan the agenda.

# **PRESENTATION INFORMATION for 2000 GBFM/GRFM AND InSAR Science MEETING**

## **Type of Presentation:**

☐ Oral    ☐ Poster    ☐ Video    ☐ Other (specify)

## **Title:**

## **Authors:**

## **Brief summary:**

## **Projection equipment needed for your presentation (including computer operating system if applicable):**

Large posterboards (1.2m height x 2.4 m wide) will be available. Please let us know if you need a larger space for a poster.

Please pass this announcement to any other colleagues who might be interested.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss matters related to the meeting, please contact either Dr. Cynthia Williams ([cindy.williams@gi.alaska.edu](mailto:cindy.williams@gi.alaska.edu)) or Ms. Robin Porter ([rporter@asf.alaska.edu](mailto:rporter@asf.alaska.edu)).

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Please note that we are now recommending Sophie Station hotel, but not the Wedgewood Resort. The restaurant at the Wedgewood Resort is closed. Please let us know if this causes problems for you.

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December 6, 2000

2001 Science Meeting of the NASDA Global Forest Mapping Projects (GBFM/GRFM/InSAR)

Dear Colleague:

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March is the most beautiful time of year here in Fairbanks. Participants can expect long sunny days and the availability of wide variety of outdoor activities. We are planning for a field trip to representative boreal forest sites, and for tours of pertinent research facilities.

Pre-registration: We would like to have a preliminary count as soon as possible so that the necessary meeting arrangements can be made. If you think you are likely to attend - it is no commitment -please reply by e-mail (or by fax) to Ms. Porter at the address given below at your earliest convenience. She will also be able to reply to any inquiries you may have regarding the meeting.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss matters related to the meeting, please contact either Dr. Cynthia Williams ([cindy.williams@gi.alaska.edu](mailto:cindy.williams@gi.alaska.edu)) or Ms. Robin Porter ([rporter@asf.alaska.edu](mailto:rporter@asf.alaska.edu)). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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# **REGISTRATION FORM for 2000 GBFM/GRFM AND InSAR Science MEETING**

We request that you fill out and return this form to us, so that we may better plan for the meeting. If you are certain that you cannot attend, we would like to know that also.

Thanks very much.

Please check one, and return this completed form to Ms. Robin Porter at [rporter@asf.alaska.edu](mailto:rporter@asf.alaska.edu).

- ☐ I definitely plan to attend
- ☐ I may be able to attend
- ☐ I will not attend

NAME:

INSTITUTION:

INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

FAX:

E-MAIL:

My expectations for participation in this meeting include:

- ☐ Oral presentations
- ☐ Poster presentations
- ☐ Video presentations
- ☐ Use of Alaska SAR Facility resources

☐ I need an official invitation letter to attend the meeting

Are you interested in field trips to a variety of boreal forest sites?

Will you be travelling with visitors who will be interested in tourism information?

Will you be interested in tours of specific facilities such as the Alaska SAR Facility, the International Arctic Research Center, The Arctic Region Supercomputing Center, or the Geophysical Institute?

Are there specific areas of discussion you would like included?

# PRELIMINARY AGENDA

March 5 - GRFM presentations and discussion, , InSAR presentations and discussion

March 6 - GBFM presentations and discussion

March 7 - General JERS-1 presentations, additional GRFM/GBFM presentations

March 8 - field trips and tours of research facilities (as desired)

March 9 - discussions, further collaborations

Discussion topics throughout the week will include: scientific directions, products, integration of boreal and tropical efforts, integration with communities beyond radar, new techniques, looking toward the future ŠALOS (Advanced Land Observing Satellite), and GOFCC (Global Observations of Forest Cover) programs, continuity with future large scale mapping programs. We are planning an evening reception mid-week for all participants and guests.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### About the City:

Fairbanks is in Alaska's Interior in a landscape of rolling hills overlooking the Alaska Range and Denali. Fairbanks is the second largest city in Alaska, with a regional population of 80,000. The University of Alaska Fairbanks is home to 8000 students and to major northern research institutes including the International Arctic Research Center, Geophysical Institute, Institute of Arctic Biology, Institute of Marine Sciences, and the Institute of Northern Engineering. Fairbanks is the regional headquarters for many government agencies, including those managing national parks, forests, and mining resources. Other important industries in Interior Alaska include natural resources and tourism.

March is a particularly beautiful time in which to visit Fairbanks. The weather is typically bright and sunny, with plenty of snow on the ground. Temperatures are moderating from mid-winter. Mean maximum and minimum are -7 C and -23 C.

<http://www.faiwsfo.org/climo/clifai/CLIfai1.shtml> (with apologies for Fahrenheit!). We are happy to assist with winter clothing for those of you with tropical wardrobes.

There are many opportunities in Fairbanks for visiting hot springs, dog mushing, viewing the aurora borealis, skiing, snowshoeing and other outdoor sports. There are also many cultural events taking place near the time of our meeting. These include:

- Festival of Native Arts (music, dancing, arts festival) March 1-3.
- International Federation of Sled Dog Sports World Championships - March 2-4.
- Nenana Ice Classic Tripod Weekend - March 3-4.
- World Ice Art Championships - March 7-18.
- Fairbanks Winter Carnival - March 9.
- Limited North American Champion Sled Dog Race - March 9-11.
- Chatanika Days (festival and outhouse races) March 10-11.

### Transportation:

Fairbanks International Airport is served by Delta Airlines and Alaska Airlines. Booking air travel well in advance is strongly recommended. Late night arrivals and departures are common. Travel distances from hotels to the airport and to the university are small. We are working to organize group transportation for travel each day.

**Hotels:**

Attendees are requested to make their own reservations, preferably in the recommended hotel listed below. Please mention the name of the event when booking the hotel. **JERS-1 Meeting**

**Recommended Hotels:**

Sophie Station      \$ 69.00 with 8% tax + \$10.00 each additional person  
1717 University Ave.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709 USA  
Phone: 907-479-3650  
Fax: 907-479-7951  
E-mail: [sophie@mosquitonet.com](mailto:sophie@mosquitonet.com)

**24 hour - Airport Shuttle**

After making the reservations, please send an email to Project Coordinator, Ms. Robin Porter ([rporter@sf.alaska.edu](mailto:rporter@sf.alaska.edu)) with arrival and departure dates and hotel information.

**Other Logistics:**

A banking ATM machine is available at the IARC, and will be the most convenient way in Fairbanks to obtain US currency.

Please note that you may need a Visa to enter the United States. Obtaining the Visa is your own responsibility.

**CONTACT POINTS**

Your contact at ASF for logistical issues is Ms. Robin Porter, Project Coordinator, ([rporter@sf.alaska.edu](mailto:rporter@sf.alaska.edu)) (1-907-474-6390).

Please contact Cindy Williams ([cindy.williams@gi.alaska.edu](mailto:cindy.williams@gi.alaska.edu)) (1-907-474-7058) with questions about the scientific program.

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